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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulations.D. SEC. of STATE

Return to: Secretary of State, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5077

1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER <i>American New</i>		2. DATE OF FILING <i>9/26/05</i>	
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE <i>Daily & Sunday</i>	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY <i>365</i>	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE <i>\$167.44</i>	
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) <i>124 S 2ND St. - PO Box 4430 - Aberdeen, SD 57402-4430</i>			
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers) <i>Same</i>			
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: <i>Aberdeen News Company</i>			
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.) FULL NAME: <i>Knight Ridder Inc.</i> COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: <i>50 W. San Fernando St. Suite 1500 San Jose, CA 95113-2413</i>			
8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.) <i>Attached</i>			
		<i>Mon-Sat</i>	<i>Sun</i>
		<i>8/27</i>	<i>8/28</i>
9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS		ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	<i>17,327</i>	<i>19,290</i>	<i>17,435</i> <i>19,130</i>
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION			
1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.	<i>12,978</i>	<i>15,049</i>	<i>13,199</i> <i>15,141</i>
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	<i>3,458</i>	<i>2,918</i>	<i>3,460</i> <i>2,800</i>
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)	<i>16,436</i>	<i>17,967</i>	<i>16,659</i> <i>17,941</i>
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION			
1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	<i>180</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>153</i> <i>154</i>
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i> <i>0</i>
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)	<i>16,622</i>	<i>18,168</i>	<i>16,812</i> <i>18,126</i>
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED			
1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	<i>83</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>77</i> <i>151</i>
2. Return from News Agents	<i>422</i>	<i>962</i>	<i>546</i> <i>853</i>
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 - Should equal net press run shown in A)	<i>17,327</i>	<i>19,290</i>	<i>17,435</i> <i>19,130</i>
SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER <i>James Fur</i> <i>President & Publisher</i>			
I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.			

State of South Dakota)

County of *Brown*)

(Seal)

Sworn to before me this *26th* day of*September*, 20 *05**Carla Koning*
Notary PublicMy commission expires *8/7/2009*

August 22, 2005

KNIGHT RIDDER
50 W. SAN FERNANDO ST.
SUITE 1500
SAN JOSE, CA 95113-2413

TEL: (408) 938-7700

Mr. Jerome Ferson
President & Publisher
Aberdeen American News
124 S. Second Street
Aberdeen, SD 57402

RE: Publisher's Statement of Ownership

Dear Jerome:

In connection with the Postal Service Form 3526, Statement of Ownership, Management and Circulation, the question which refers to "OWNER" should be answered as follows:

Aberdeen News Company
124 S. Second Street
Aberdeen, SD 57402
the sole stockholder of which is Knight-Ridder, Inc.,
50 West San Fernando Street, Suite 1500,
San Jose, California 95113-2413.

The names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1% or more of the total amount of stock of Knight-Ridder, Inc. are: (Insert here the names and addresses set forth on the attached sheet.)

The question which refers to "KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, etc." should be answered "none".

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. Please send us a copy of the notice after it has been published.

Very truly yours,



Sharon Orlando
Manager, Shareholder Services and Records

Attachment

1% Shareholders as of 8/3/2005

Private Capital Mgmt.	12,658,700.0000
Southeastern Asset Management	6,395,600.0000
Harris Associates L.P.	5,925,000.0000
Eubel Brady & Suttman Asset Mgmt.	2,783,900.0000
The Vanguard Group	2,726,600.0000
Barclays Bank Plc	2,332,500.0000
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	2,232,100.0000
State Street Global Advisors	2,123,400.0000
Capital Research & Management	1,750,000.0000
Fidelity Management & Research	1,660,600.0000
Capital Guardian Trust Company	1,345,300.0000
AIM Trimark Investments	1,258,700.0000
Daniel H Ridder Tr	1,104,210.0000
J P Morgan Investment Mgmt. (US)	1,102,700.0000
US Trust Corporation	957,700.0000
Deleware Investment Advisors, Inc. (US)	954,675.0000
DePrince, Race & Zollo	937,100.0000
J. P Morgan Private Bank (NY)	882,800.0000
Standard Life Investments Ltd.	754,300.0000

49,885,885.0000

KNIGHT-RIDDER, INC.

Stockholders owning or holding 1% or more of total outstanding shares:

- **Southeastern Asset Management, Inc.**, 860 Ridgeland Blvd., Suite 301, Memphis, TN 38119
- **Harris Associates L.P.**, 2 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60602-3790
- **AIM Trimark Investments**, 5140 Yonge Street, Suite 900, Toronto, Ontario M2N 6X7
- **Private Capital Management**, 8889 Pelican Bay Boulevard, Suite 500, Naples, FL 34108
- **T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.**, Equity Research Department, 100 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-1008
- **Barclays Global Investors**, 45 Fremont Street, 17th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105-2228
- **Capital Research & Management**, One Market, Steuart Tower, 19th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105
- **State Street Global Investors**, Investment Research Department, 225 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110-2875
- **Capital Guardian Trust Company**, 333 S. Hope Street, 55th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- **The Vanguard Group**, 100 Vanguard Boulevard, Malvern, PA 19355
- **Eubel Brady & Suttman Asset Mgmt.**, 7777 Washington Village Drive, Suite 210, Dayton, OH 45459
- **U.S. Trust Corporation**, 114 West 47th Street, New York, NY 10036
- **JP Morgan Investment Management**, 60 Wall Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10260-0060
- **JP Morgan Private Bank**, 60 Wall Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10260-0060
- **Fidelity Management & Research**, 82 Devonshire St., Boston, MA 02109-3614

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- DePrince, Race & Zollo, 201 S Orange Ave. Ste. 850, Orlando, FL 32801-3480
- Delaware Investment Advisors, 2005 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
- Daniel H. Ridder, c/o Press-Telegram, 604 Pine Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90844-0003
- Standard Life Investments Ltd., 1 George St., Edinburgh EH2 2LL